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Collin Higher Education Center
McKinney, Texas

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Frisco, Texas

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Rockwall, Texas

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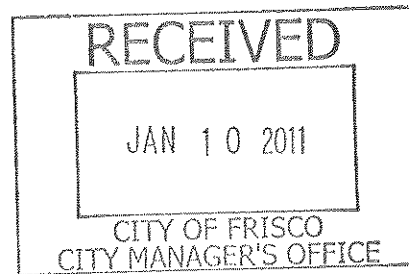
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Dear George:

Hope this letter finds you well. Collin College and the City of Frisco have had a very strong partnership over the last two decades. We want to continue that positive relationship as we work together to achieve our future goals/endeavors. As you know, the Preston Ridge Campus of Collin College has experienced explosive growth in student enrollment and we are now serving over 8,000 students. We anticipate that double digit growth will continue in the foreseeable future. We are in the midst of constructing an additional classroom building and conference facility to accommodate current growth, and our students desperately need additional parking. Because surface parking is insufficient to address the need, we have considered multiple options in consultation with our architects, our construction manager, you, Mayor Maso, and residents of the Preston Vineyards neighborhood. The following are presented:

1. The most effective use of the property is to build a four-story parking garage on the far northern portion of the campus, completed with screen wall and masonry exterior as required by the City of Frisco. A tubular steel fence with a living wall of appropriate plant material will also be constructed along the alley into the Preston Vineyards neighborhood. The detention pond would be located in the basement of the parking garage maximizing use of campus land while providing for required rainwater runoff.

If the City would like to provide for an additional screen to mitigate the residents' concern about the parking structure, we propose that the City contribute approximately \$160,000 to purchase, plant, and irrigate mature Italian cypress trees. These trees are evergreen shrubs designed to grow much taller than most trees. They would be planted close together to further screen the parking structure from the neighbors.

2. The college is willing to move the structured parking, as per your idea/recommendation, further south towards the interior of the campus. However, doing so will necessitate the demolition of existing surface parking and the need to add 250 additional spaces to the parking garage.

There will also be costs associated with relocation of existing power and storm drains. To pursue this option, we are requesting the City of Frisco contribute approximately \$4.1 million (which has been estimated by Pogue and PBK). Pursuing this solution will entail changes to our master plan for the campus and it will prevent the college from constructing an additional classroom building on the land that will now be occupied by the parking garage.

3. Finally, we would not object if the City would agree to fund the demolition and moving the debris of the existing Velodrome so that the college could build the proposed structured parking on that site (our property) located on the east side of the campus.

The college has ruled out the possibility of building structured parking on the south side of the campus due to distance from classroom buildings and the high costs associated with grade and drainage issues.

Collin College is pleased to be a partner with the City of Frisco and to serve the higher education needs of all its residents. We want to be a good neighbor and do what is in the best interest of all involved while addressing continued phenomenal growth at the Preston Ridge Campus. In order to move forward and get this on our agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting, I respectfully would appreciate your response designating the City's preference by Monday, January 17, 2011.

Thank you very much for consideration and on-going support of Collin College. Stay well.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cary A. Israel', written over a large, stylized, looping flourish.

Cary A. Israel
District President

cc: Chair Brenda Goodell
Vice Chair Mac Hendricks
Mayor Maher Maso